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THE HON. SRI B. PARAMESWARAN :—" Instructions to that effect have already been issued."

SRI M. KALYANASUNDRAM :—" போலீஸ்காரர்கள் அடித்ததைப் பற்றி விசாரித்ததாக கனம் மந்திரி அவர்கள் சொன்னார். யார் யாரை விசாரித்தார்கள், எந்த முறையில் விசாரித்தார்கள் என்பதை தெரிவிக்க முடியுமா ? "

THE HON. SRI B. PARAMESWARAN :—" There was no evidence forthcoming."

SRI A. RATNAM :—" ஏற்கெனவே பட்டுக்கோட்டையில் ரிமூவல் ஆப் ஸிவில் டிசபிலிட்டிஸ் என்ற பெயரால் ஒரு குழு வேலை செய்வதற்குக் காரணம் என்ன ? அங்கே இந்த மாதிரியான தொல்லை இருப்பதுதான் காரணமா ? அங்குள்ள போலீஸ்காரர்களும் ஜாதி ஹிந்துக்களும் ஹரிஜனங்களுக்கு தொல்லைகள் கொடுத்துக்கொண்டுவருகிறார்கள் அல்லவா ? இதனால் அங்கு ஏன் பெரிய அதிகாரிகளை அனுப்பி விசாரணை செய்யவில்லை ? அங்கு விசாரணை யாரால் செய்யப்பட்டது ? எந்தக் காரணத்தினால் அது ருசு ஆகவில்லை என்று கனம் மந்திரி அவர்கள் சொல்கிறார் என்பதை அறிய விரும்புகிறேன்."

THE HON. SRI B. PARAMESWARAN :—" I have already given the answer to this question. There was no evidence forthcoming. A departmental enquiry was held and the charge was not proved. So the matter was dropped.

" As regards the question put by Sri M. Kalyanasundram, the District Superintendent of Police went into the whole question."

Issue of an order prohibiting processions in Coimbatore.

* 1177 *Q*.—SRI S. RAMALINGAM : Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Deputy Superintendent of Police, Coimbatore, issued any order restricting all processions in Coimbatore town, etc., on 22nd January 1954; and

(*b*) if so, the circumstances which necessitated the issue of the order?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" (*a*) & (*b*) In January last a dispute arose between the management and the labourers of the Kaleeswarar Mills, Coimbatore, touching the payment of bonus to workers and certain deductions from the salaries of workers for December 1953. Following this the labourers took out disorderly processions through public roads and a section of the labourers squatted in front of the residence of the Managing Agent of the Mills. These assemblies and processions caused annoyance to the public and obstruction of traffic. It was found necessary in the interest of maintaining peace and order that such assemblies and processions should be controlled. With the concurrence therefore of the Executive First-class Magistrate, Pollachi, the Deputy Superintendent of Police, Coimbatore, promulgated on 21st January 1954 an order under Section 30 (1) of the

Police Act, 1861 (Central Act V of 1861), to the effect that any person or group of persons or organizations intending to convene or organize a public meeting or take out a procession within the limits of Coimbatore Municipality and within a radius of 5 miles of these limits must take out a licence under Section 30 (2) of the same Act.

"The order in question was made to be in force for a period of three weeks; but as the relationship between the management and the labourers continued to be strained, it was felt that in the interest of maintenance of public peace, the order should be extended to be in force for a further period. Hence with the concurrence of the Additional District Magistrate (Independent), Coimbatore, the Deputy Superintendent of Police extended the order to be in force for a further period of fourteen days from the date of the expiry of the original order."

SRI S. RAMALINGAM :—" Sir, இன்றையதினமும் காளேஸ்வரா மில்லைச்சுற்றிலும் போலீஸ்காரர்கள் இருப்பதாகவும் அங்குள்ள தொழிலாளர்களுக்கு தொந்தரவுகள் கொடுத்துக்கொண்டிருப்பதாகவும் சொல்லப் படுகிறதே அது உண்மைதானா ? "

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" A separate question may be put. I do not think that what the hon. Member says is correct."

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" Starred question Nos. 1178 and 1179 may be taken up together."

MR. SPEAKER :—" Yes."

Handloom workers' strike in Chirakkal taluk, Malabar.

*1178 Q.—SRI K. P. GOPALAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture be pleased to state—

(a) whether it is a fact that there was a general strike in Chirakkal taluk, Malabar, since 10th December 1953 involving more than 12,000 handloom workers for the restoration of cut in wages; and

(b) if so, the action taken by the Government to bring a settlement in the dispute?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" (a) Yes, Sir.

" (b) It has been brought to the notice of the Government that strike in many of the factories were called off and the workers resumed work from 1st February 1954. Certain factories had either not provided work or refused to give work to the workers. The managements of the 124 factories have been served with show cause notices for contravention of Industrial Disputes Act. The matter whether these factories could be prosecuted or not is under examination."